

BEN GREET PLAYERS

With Russian Symphony Orchestra to Appear at Smith's Theatre.

Will Render "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Monday Evening—A Musical and Dramatic Feast of Unprecedented Brilliance—An Event Never Before Known in the History of the Local Stage.

Monday night brings the important performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," acted by the Ben Greet players, and with the exquisite Mendelssohn music played by the famous Russian Symphony orchestra of New York of fifty men, at Smith's theatre. The occasion, which has been anticipated with the greatest interest by both musical lovers and theatre goers, promises to be one of the events of the season in every way. It is expected that by the time Modest Altschuler raises his baton Monday night for the wonderful overture—which Mendelssohn composed when he was only seventeen—hardly a seat will be unoccupied. The advance sale has been very large, due to the double attraction of a great play and a splendid Symphony orchestra for the incidental music. In fact, no opportunity like this has ever been offered before, and the novelty and artistic value of such a combination has proven a potent attraction at the box office.

Ben Greet has the happy faculty of identifying himself with absolutely unique and novel performances, but the performance in which he is to take the leading part Monday night is unique in interest anything he has hitherto done. Not only is it upon the high artistic plane to which he is accustomed, but it is, at the same time, of enormous popular appeal. It does take a cultured musician or a Shakespearean student to appreciate such a performance as is to be given. To see the greatest comedy of fantasy ever written played or acted in a wonderful musical setting, is an occasion that appeals to every one.

To accommodate the large orchestra of fifty men, the Ben Greet players will have to be taken out, and even then the Russian players will be somewhat cramped for room. In order to give the performance the best possible conditions, the Ben Greet players have to be carried, but it is also necessary to carry a complete set of music stands for the musicians.

Over one hundred persons are necessary for a performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" such as will be given Monday night. The Ben Greet Company has been very largely for this tour. In addition to the players themselves, there are a group of children for the fairy dances, a quartette for the songs, Grace Clarke Kahler for the solos, and Lou Wall Moore, the well known sculptress and dancer, for the Greek dances.

The performance will last two and one-half hours. The play is given in the same arrangement as when given outdoors by Ben Greet. To this end a beautiful stage setting, designed and painted by the well known mural painter, Troy and Margaret Kinney, is used. The music runs practically through the play, and the effect thus gained is said to be most pleasing, the tempo of the acting and the tempo of the orchestra being in the nicest harmony.

Although they have not toured as much as the Ben Greet players, the name of Modest Altschuler and his Russian musicians has preceded them, and the musical public will be out in force to hear this remarkable orchestra interpret Mendelssohn's greatest and most popular music. This orchestra was formed among the musicians themselves for the purpose of rendering Russian music at the Metropolitan Hall, New York, and in the brief six years of its existence it has won an enviable place for itself, and one that has entirely outgrown its first restriction to Russian music. It has recently come into great demand for expositions and symphony tours, and its reputation is equally strong among the lovers of popular music and those who taste runs to the highest class of melody.

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YALE WILL UTILIZE OR SELL MUCH PROPERTY
(Special from United Press.)

New Haven, Jan. 16.—That Yale University intends to build several new medical school buildings on property held by it near the present Clinical building and that everything is ready to sell out much of its property not in use and bringing little or no income, it became known today, was stated at the conference yesterday between President Hadley, Treasurer McClung and the committee of the board of trustees of the proposed plan of taxing all property to be acquired by the institution in the future. None present at the conference would say what had been accomplished by the conference but it is thought an agreement had been reached on several minor points.

BUILDING NOTES

The building commissioners issued permits with an aggregate value of \$9,000 during the past week as follows:
Lakewood Boat Co., two-story frame machine shop south side of Seaview avenue.
Mary Gungor, two-family frame dwelling, north side of Savoy street.
The Bridgeport Vehicle Co., brick factory building corner of Fairfield and Howard streets.
Bertha Hauriol, one-family frame dwelling south side of North avenue.
George R. Godfrey, frame wagon shed and ice house, south side of Water street.
Daniel Della, temporary cellar wall, south side of Lexington avenue.
P. Noonan, temporary cellar wall south side of North avenue.
Charles Brunnerman, temporary cellar wall north side of Revere street.
Work was ordered stopped on a three family frame house in South avenue, being built by J. J. McFarland. The structure was being put up close to the edge of the lot contrary to the tenement house laws of the state.

WHERE HAWLEY STANDS.

(Norwalk News.)
Brandegee is for Bulkeley. "Sid" Hawley is for Brandegee. Thus we know right where to find "Sid" Hawley two years hence, and it will be necessary for him to declare himself in the Senatorial contest of 1911.

Impossible to be Well

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SERBIAN CABINET

AGAIN RESIGNS
Brings Abdication of King Peter One Step Nearer.

(Special from United Press.)
Belgrade, Jan. 16.—The threatened abdication by King Peter in favor of Crown Prince George was brought a step nearer to-day by the resignation of the Serbian cabinet. The cabinet insists that its resignation, the third within the last two weeks, be accepted without delay. Should it carry out its intention, it is believed Peter will give up the crown to his son.

The cabinet's resignation is believed to be for no other purpose than to force this change. King Peter's weak policy toward Austria is again given as the excuse.

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Christ Episcopal church, Courtland street, Rev. E. J. Craft, rector—Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; morning prayer, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:15 p. m.; evening prayer 7:30.

St. John's Protestant Episcopal church, corner Fairfield and Park avenues, Rev. Wm. H. Lewis, D. D., rector. Holy Communion, 8 a. m.; Men's Bible class 9 a. m. Morning service and sermon by Rev. Everett P. Smith, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions, 10:30 a. m. Annual missionary service of the Sunday school, with address by Rev. E. P. Smith, 12 m. Evening prayer, with address by Rabbi Simon, 5 p. m.

First Congregational church, corner Broad and Bank streets, Rev. John DePeu, pastor. Service with sermon, 10:30 a. m.; annual offering American Missionary Association, Second service, 4:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Bible class at noon. Wednesday evening prayer meeting in the chapel at 7:45 o'clock.

King's Highway Congregational church, Spring street near Noble avenue, P. E. Mathias, pastor. Services: Preaching 10:45; Sunday school 12:15; C. E. 6:30; preaching 7:30. Morning subject, "The Family Altar," evening subject, "The Kingdom of God." During the morning service there will be an address to boys and girls on "A Girl's Service."

Olivet Congregational church, North avenue and Main street, Morgan Miller, minister. All saints free. Morning service at 10:30, "Why I Am a Congregationalist." Evening service at 7:30. At the evening service the minister will give straight answers to questions asked by the congregation. Wednesday evening at 7:45, exposition of the International Sunday School Lesson.

West End Congregational church, Colorado avenue between Fairfield and State street, W. Irving Maurer, minister. Subject for sermon tomorrow morning at 10:30, "A Christian Stand." Sunday school at noon. Christian Endeavor meeting at 8:30 p. m. Evening service at 7:30. Subject for sermon, "Priest and Prophet."

Park Street Congregational church, corner Barnum and Park streets, Rev. Gerald H. Beard, pastor. Morning worship at 10:30. Rev. Charles E. Barto, of Washington Park M. E. church, will preach in exchange with the pastor. Sunday school at 12:15. Men's Seminar at 12:15, "Social Problems in the Light of the Gospel of Jesus." In the evening at 7:30 Dr. Beard will give the second of the illustrated lectures on "The Awakening of the Orient." The subject will be "India and Ceylon." Sixty stereopticon views of these countries will be shown. Silver offering.

Washington Park M. E. church, corner of Noble and Barnum avenues, Rev. Charles Elmore Barto, pastor. Sunday morning service at 10:30 with sermon by Rev. Gerald H. Beard, Ph. D., pastor of Park Street Congregational church. Evening service at 7:30, with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "The Kingdom of God." Christ. Singing by large chorus choir.

In the First Methodist Episcopal church, Fairfield avenue and Broad street, the pastor, George M. Brown, will speak morning and evening. At 10:30 the topic will be, "Charity That Does Not Stay at Home." Sunday school meets at 12:15, classes for everybody. At 6:30 the Epworth League service will be led by Mr. F. C. Johnson. At 7:30 the pastor will speak upon the question, "What Makes One Happy? What He Is or What He Has?"

People's Presbyterian church, Lincoln at 62 Cannon street, minister, Rev. H. A. Davenport. Divine worship 10:30 a. m. Soloist, Mrs. Lyon. Sermon, "An Inquiry as to the Meaning of Things." Sacrament and welcome of members. Non-communicants invited as witnesses. Sunday school 12:10. Adult classes 12 to 12:30. Endeavor societies meet 4 and 5 p. m. Personal workers by 7:30. Church prayer Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., room 30, Taylor building. All are welcomed.

First Presbyterian church, State street, corner Myrtle avenue, Rev. John Richardson, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Topics: Morning, "God the Father," the first in a series of three sermons on the Trinity. Evening, "The Appeal to Reason." Sunday school at 12:10. First Church of Christ, Scientist, 871 Lafayette street. Service at 11 a. m. Subject: "Life." Sunday school 12:15. Wednesday evening testimonial meeting at 8 o'clock. Reading room open every week day morning from 10 to 1, and every afternoon including Sunday from 3 to 5. Also open Friday evening from 7 to 10. All are welcome to the services and to the privileges of the reading room.

"ABIDE WITH ME."
services will be held in the Immanuel Baptist church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock. The theme will be the famous hymn, "Abide With Me," the choir singing a number of compositions written for these beautiful words, and the pastor giving a ten or fifteen minute talk about the origin and history of the hymn and also the great thoughts suggested by it.

The choir consists of Miss Henrietta B. Hugo, soprano; Mrs. Carl F. W. Ahrens, contralto; Adelbert M. Patterson, bass; Carl F. W. Ahrens, tenor; and Mrs. Benjamin Stewart, organist.

ONLY THREE JURORS ACCEPTED.

(Special from United Press.)
San Francisco, Jan. 16.—No session of the trial of Patrick Caltoun, the alleged capitalist-briber, was held today, the case going over to Tuesday. But three jurors have been accepted by both sides. Another venire may have to be called. The eagerness to escape service in the case is plainly evident.

WATER POWER

GRANT VETOED
BY PRESIDENT

Public Interest not Protected in Giving Valuable Privilege in its Nature Monopolistic.

(Special from United Press.)
Washington, Jan. 16.—Pres. Roosevelt yesterday sent a special message to the House of Representatives. It is in part as follows:
I return herewith without my approval House bill 17767 to authorize William H. Standish to construct a dam across James' River, in Stone County, Mo., and divert the waters of its waters through a tunnel into the said river again to create electric power. My reasons for not signing the bill are:

The bill gives to the grantee a valuable privilege, which by its very nature is monopolistic, and does not contain the conditions essential to protect the public interest.

The great corporations are acting with foresight, singleness of purpose, and vigor to control the water powers of the country. They pay no attention to state boundaries and are not interested in the constitutional law affecting navigable streams except as it affords what has been aptly called "a twilight zone," where they may find a convenient refuge from any regulation whatever by the public, whether through the national or the state governments. It is significant that they are opposing the control of water power on the Des Moines River by the State of Illinois with equal vigor and with like arguments to those with which they oppose the National Government pursuing the policy I advocate. Their attitude is the same with reference to their projects upon the mountain streams of the West, where the jurisdiction of the Federal Government as the owner of the public lands and national forests is not open to question. They are demanding legislation for unconditional grants in perpetuity of land for reservoirs, conduits, power houses, and transmission lines to replace the existing statute which authorizes the administrative officers of the Government to impose conditions to protect the public when any permit is issued. Several bills for that purpose are now pending in both Houses, among them the bills, S. 6636, to subject lands owned or held by the United States to condemnation in the state courts, and the bills, H. R. 11366 and S. 2661, respectively, to grant locations and rights of way for electric and other power purposes through the public lands and reservations of the United States. These bills were either drafted by representatives of the power companies or are similar in effect to those thus drafted. On the other hand, the administration proposes that authority be given to issue power permits for a term not to exceed fifty years, irrevocable except for breach of condition. This provision to prevent revocation would remove the only valid ground of objection to the bill, which the power companies all permits revocable at discretion.

The new legislation sought in their own interest by some companies in the West, and the opposition of other companies in the East to proposed legislation in the public interest, have a common source and a common purpose. Their source is the rapidly growing combination of power and water. Their purpose is a centralized monopoly of hydro-electric power development free of all public control. It is obvious that a monopoly of power in any community calls for direct public supervision and regulation.

I esteem it my duty to use every endeavor to prevent this growing monopoly, threatening which has ever appeared, from being fastened upon the people of this nation.

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GEN. M'G'R. HIGGINS
BACK AT HIS DESK
Recovered From Injuries Received in Recent Fire—Other Members of Family Doing Well.

(Special from United Press.)
New Haven, Jan. 16.—General Manager Samuel Higgins of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, whose mother was burned to death in the fire that completely destroyed his home several days ago, and necessitated himself and family jumping from a second story window to save their lives, returned to his desk today. His wife, mother-in-law and children are reported as rapidly recovering at Dr. Cheney's sanitarium.

ELIOT MAY SUCCEED

WHITELAW REED
AS AMBASSADOR
(Special from United Press.)
Boston, Jan. 16.—Reports recently current that President Eliot of Harvard is probably to succeed Whitelaw Reid at the Court of St. James were given renewed life here today by a very significant paragraph in the Harvard Alumni Association's statement that they had given on ambassador.

The paragraph reads: "The Harvard Alumni Association has suggested President Eliot as a successor to Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador to Great Britain. It is of interest to note that Edward Everett (former president of Harvard University) was the American minister in London from 1841 to 1845."

It is stated by Harvard men that there is every reason to believe that President Roosevelt would like to see Dr. Eliot given the place and would welcome his appointment by President Taft.

As for President Eliot himself, it is announced at the University that he will not raise a finger to get that or any other appointment. It is very generally believed here, however, that he would accept the place if the position was tendered him.

HOW ONE HEALTH OFFICER MANAGED AN OUTBREAK OF DIPHTHERIA.

(Secretary of State Board of Health.)
Among the reports to the State Board of Health for the month of December, there is from a Health Officer in which he tells how he managed an outbreak of diphtheria in his town. We publish it here, as it may aid other Health Officers under similar conditions.
"In November I reported five cases of diphtheria, two of which were fatal and two more very serious. The conditions were somewhat alarming and by order of the authorities the schools in the village where closed for one week, but conditions did not improve. Something had to be done, either close the schools for a month or more, or what? It was decided to take cultures from the throats of all children and teachers in the schools and send them to the State Laboratory for examination."

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Wash Goods Section, lower floor.

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Coat and Suit Rooms, second floor.

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Many odd trifles in Sterling Silver are marked at clearance prices. Military brushes, cups, pencils and penholders, mirrors, scissors, and cut glass cream jars with silver tops. Half price. Very tempting things.

At the Jewelry Section.

Odd pieces of Jewelry and handsome dress accessories have changed prices. A large belt clasp of gray silver lattice work, with silver gilt inlay work, and ornamented with pieces of jade, was \$8.00. Now marked at \$3.50.

Like reductions prevail on chains, bracelets, beads, and ornamental combs.

Those fortunate ones who are to leave this place of snow and wintry winds and go to the southland may be interested in the lovely thin materials that are now offered at such low figures. The thin and beautiful muslins of rare colorings with figures and borders that will make in to the loveliest empire gowns.

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Sadie C. Libode of Main street, Danbury, and a Mrs. Burdick, also of the Danbury town, testified that John H. Starr, husband of the plaintiff, had represented to them that he was William Smith, a drummer, and had rented rooms from them which he occupied with the blond. The decree was granted on statutory grounds.

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